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Security Council

10.30 a.m. *(sharp)* . . . 5052nd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations Role

   Report of the Secretary-General on the rule of law and transitional justice in conflict and post-conflict societies (S/2004/616)

General Assembly
Fifty-ninth session

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (agenda item 45)

Inscriptions by Member States wishing to participate in the plenary meeting

All delegations wishing to participate in the plenary meeting, to be held on Thursday, 14 October 2004, are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers of the General Assembly Affairs Branch, also indicating the name and title of the speaker (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

For other information, please contact Mr. Kwabena Osei-Danquah (room DN-2317; tel. 1 (212) 297-5033; e-mail danquah@unfpa.org).

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Agenda items 20, 79, 80, 81 and 82

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 20* (A/59/23, A/59/134 and A/C.4/59/4); *item 79* (A/59/23, chapters VII and XII, and A/59/71); *item 80* (A/59/23, chapters V and XII); *item 81* (A/59/23, chapters VI and VII, and A/59/64); and *item 82* (A/59/74)

2. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territory

3. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/59/2, A/C.4/59/3 and Add.1-21)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General debate *(conclusion)*

Mongolia

United Arab Emirates

Cuba

Fiji

Kazakhstan

Ecuador

International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Syrian Arab Republic

Tunisia

Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group)

Malaysia

Jamaica

Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Uganda

Cambodia

Costa Rica

Haiti

Senegal

Ethiopia

Kuwait

Republic of Congo

Paraguay

Cameroon

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/59/120 and A/59/115) . [93]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/59/73) . . . . . [94]

   (a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/59/176 and A/C.3/59/L.2)

   (b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (A/59/267)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/59/164) . . . . . [95]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Joint Inspection Unit (A/59/34, A/59/75, A/59/349 and A/C.5/59/CRP.1) . . . . . [115]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/59/34, A/59/75, A/59/349, A/58/343, A/58/343/Add.1, A/58/343/Add.2, A/C.5/59/CRP.1 and A/C.5/59/CRP.2))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Human resources management

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 281st meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Third Committee
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Rachel Groux (Switzerland), on a supplement to the Standard Rules on Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, *today*, 6 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 6 October 2004

Informal consultations of all subscribing and interested States of the Hague Code of Conduct against the Proliferation of Ballistic Missiles (HCOC) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

JUSCANZ Group *(Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

JUSCANZ Group *(Second Committee experts)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(core group on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(core group on the eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(small island developing States)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Briefing on the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS))

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 47 (Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

FAO panel discussions on Small Island Developing States

There will be two panel discussions on Small Island Developing States, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), *today*, 6 October 2004, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (expert panel on sugar, fisheries and bananas); and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (ministerial dialogue). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-0989).

Meeting of co-sponsors of resolution 58/127 on assistance in mine action to discuss this year's resolution (under agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of resolution 58/127 on the Fourth Committee draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 22 entitled "Assistance in mine action", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union, *today*, 6 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B. Drafts of the resolution will be sent to co-sponsors' missions via fax. For an electronic copy of the text or any further questions, please contact Mr. Dirk-Jan Nieuwenhuis (e-mail dj.nieuwenhuis@minbuza.nl).

Informal exchanges of views on First Committee issues (organized by the delegation of the United States)

Delegates representing Governments of the regional groups are invited to exchanges of views on First Committee issues, organized by the delegation of the United States, to be held on the dates indicated below, promptly from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meetings are closed and conducted in English.

Latin American and Caribbean Group: *today*, 6 October 2004;

Eastern European Group: Thursday, 7 October; and
Western European and Other States Group: Friday, 8 October.

International Forum for Social Development (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

The fourth meeting of the International Forum for Social Development on "Equity, inequalities and interdependence", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held in an informal open debate *today*, 6 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The debate will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Chairman of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development. The moderator will be Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information is available in room DC2-1360, or at the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/4thmeeting.htm. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development (tel. 1 (917) 367-5740 or 1 (212) 963-4596).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 6 October 2004

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 7 October 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. 21st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/59/1) [10]

Main Committees

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate, and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation, convened by the Vice-Chair of the Third Committee, to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of revitalization of the work of the Committee, on Wednesday, 13 October 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C. Delegations are invited to send inputs to the Vice-Chair of the Asian Group by Friday, 8 October 2004, for compilation into an initial text for consideration on Wednesday, 13 October 2004.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Vivian Bonano (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 4th meeting on Thursday, 7 October 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 4th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on a proposed draft resolution entitled "Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia and Turkey)

Informal consultations on a proposed draft resolution entitled "Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)", organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia and Turkey, will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Asian Group *(revitalization of the work of the Third Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Asian Group *(revitalization of the work of the Third Committee)* on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 10 am. to 1 p.m. Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba)

There will be informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People", organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba, as follows:

Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Tuesday, 12 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

There will be an informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Informal consultations on agenda item 65 (u) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Informal consultations on agenda item 65 (u) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction, organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland, will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 2.45 to 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)* on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building in public health" (under agenda item 55) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building in public health" (under agenda item 55), organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms (organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia (coordinator), Japan and South Africa (main sponsors))

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia (coordinator), Japan and South Africa (main sponsors), on Thursday, 7 October 2004, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the Mauritius International Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on remaining pending issues in relation to the outcome document of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The informal consultations will take place on 7, 8 and 11 October 2004 in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

African Group *(Second Committee experts)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(Second Committee experts)* on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 2 to 3 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Informal consultations on international cooperation against the world drug problem (agenda item 97) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

There will be informal consultations on international cooperation against the world drug problem (agenda item 97), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, on Monday, 11 October 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

UNITAR/DOALOS briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly conducting a briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the Permanent Missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 6 October. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196) or DOALOS (tel. 1 (212) 963-1894).

Round table discussion to introduce the Millennium Project draft report entitled "A global plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table discussion to introduce the Millennium Project draft report entitled "A global plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The draft report can be downloaded from the Web site of the Millennium Project (www.unmillenniumproject.org). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

There will be a round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa", organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Monday, 18 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Chief, Policy Analysis and Monitoring Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5006; fax 1 (212) 963-3892; e-mail otobo1@un.org).

Panel discussion on "Assessing the role of civil society in the prevention of armed conflict in Africa" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict)

There will be a panel discussion on "Assessing the role of civil society in the prevention of armed conflict in Africa", co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of international and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact, Ms. Ruth Bamela Engo (tel. 1 (212) 963-4780; e-mail engo@un.org) or Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Second Committee

A Note on the World Economic Outlook as of September 2004, as a background document for the general debate of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 4 October 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281).

Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 5 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354)

The report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354), chaired by Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former president of Brazil, is available on the Official Document System of the United Nations (ODS) and at the following address: www.un.org/reform.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 5 October 2004

Security Council

5050th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan pursuant to paragraph 7 of Security Council resolution 1547 (2004) (S/2004/763)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Pronk, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and head of the peace support operation.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Pronk.

5051st meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/779)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 5049th meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 5049th meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the discussion, in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard.

Before the vote, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2004/783), submitted by Algeria, Pakistan and Tunisia.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/783) received 11 votes in favour, one against (United States of America), and 3 abstentions (Germany, Romania and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), and was not adopted, owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council.

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Brazil, France, Pakistan, the Philippines, Chile, the Russian Federation, Romania, Spain, China and Germany, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 5049th meeting of the Security Council (see *Journal* No. 2004/192, p. 14): the date of the letters in the third and fifth paragraphs should read *4 October 2004*.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

20th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [52]; *Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/59/354)* [54]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 52 and 54.

Statements were made by the representatives of Eritrea, Nepal, Venezuela, Mongolia, Nigeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Maldives, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Thailand.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

The observer for the Inter-Parliamentary Union made a statement.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly has concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 52 and 54.

Main Committees

First Committee

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on disarmament and international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, China, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Belarus, Eritrea, the United Arab Emirates, Switzerland and Guatemala.

The Secretary of the Fifth Committee made a statement.

A representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (OPPBA) made a statement.

Statements were also made by representatives of Pakistan and Sierra Leone.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3rd meeting

Agenda items 20, and 79 to 82

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of the United Kingdom, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Algeria, Egypt, Mauritius, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nigeria, South Africa, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and Mozambique.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee decided to hear the petitioners on the questions of Gibraltar and Western Sahara (A/C.4/59/2, A/C.4/59/3, Add.1-16 and Add.18-21). The Committee also agrees with the replacement of the petitioner contained in document A/C.4/59/3/Add.17.

The Chairman reminded delegations that the deadline for the submission of draft proposal under decolonization items was set for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 October.

Second Committee

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of India, Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Algeria and Singapore.

5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, Namibia, Ukraine, Belarus, Ghana, Lesotho, Tajikistan, the Philippines, Malawi, Eritrea, Thailand, Nepal and Venezuela.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

The observers for the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the African Union made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Third Committee

3rd meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [93]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [94]

(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [95]

The Committee continued its general discussion on the cluster of items and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Australia, the United States, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, India, the Sudan, Finland, Mexico and Mongolia.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

4th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion on the cluster of items (items 93, 94 and 95) and heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Qatar, Morocco, Egypt, Venezuela, Ukraine, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Suriname and Eritrea.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Sixth Committee

2nd meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session . . . . . [143]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 143.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Singapore, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden)), Spain, Nigeria, Indonesia, Kenya, Gabon, Sri Lanka, South Africa, the Russian Federation, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Venezuela and Thailand.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its thirty-seventh session made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion on the agenda item.

Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly [151]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 151.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan.

The representative of China introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.3.

Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly . . . . . [152]

The Committee started its consideration of agenda item 152.

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana and Zimbabwe.

The representative of Botswana introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.5.

Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly [157]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 157.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Kazakhstan introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.4.

Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly . . . . . [159]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 159.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana and Nigeria. The representative of Ghana introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.6.

It was announced that Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and the United Kingdom had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the first DPI/NGO briefing will be "Advancing health for older persons: Regional perspectives". The workshop will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Susanne Tinkl, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7949; e-mail tinkl@un.org).

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